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SUBJ: THAI MEDIA REACTION--ASEAN - US CONFERENCE

EDITORIAL SEPTEMBER 6 IN THE CONSERVATIVE AFTERNOON BANGKOK
DAILY SIAM RATH (SIAM STATE), OWNED BY FORMER PRIME MINISTER KUKRIT
PRAMOJ SUGGESTED THAT THE THAI DELEGATION TO THE MANILA CONFERENCE ASK

THE U.S. "FOR SOME SPECIAL ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION" IN CASE THE
JAPANESE LOAN FOR A SODA ASH PLANT, PART OF TOKYO'S ASEAN ASSISTANCE,
IN INSUFFICIENT OT COVER COSTS. EXTRACT FOLLOWS.

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ONE OF THE THREE PROJECTS, FOR WHICH THAILAND IS RESPONSIBLE
WILL BE ESTABLISHING A SODA ASH FACTORY, IN WHICH IT WILL SUPPLY 60
PER CENT OF THE INVESTMENT, WHILE THE FOUR OTHER ASEAN MEMBERS PROVIDE

10 PERCENT EACH. IT CAN BE SAID THAT THE 60 PERCENT PART OF THE
INVESTMENT IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR THAILAND, EVEN THOUGH JAPAN
HAS PLEDGED THAT IT IS WILLING TO GRANT THAILAND A LOAN FOR THE

PROJECT. THE MAIN QUESTION IS IF THAT LOAN IS INSUFFICIENT, FROM WHERE

WILL THAILAND OBTAIN MORE CAPITAL FOR THE INVESTMENT?

WE, THEREFORE, WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT DURING THE
UPCOMING MEETINGS BETWEEN ASEAN AND THE U.S. IN MANILA SEPT. 8-10,
A THAI DELEGATION SHOULD BE ASSIGNED TO PRIVATELY ASK FOR SOME SPECIAL

ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION FROM THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, IF POSSIBLE.

IT IS KNOWN THAT A SUITABLE SITE FOR THE SODAY ASH FACTORY
IS NORTHEASTERN THAILAND, WHERE "ROCK SALT" IS ABUNDANT. THIS IS
CONSIDERED A COMMUNIST-INFESTED AREA. THUS, THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD
FIRST MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO COMPLETELY WIPE OUT THE INSURGENTS,LEST
THEIR
REQUEST FOR FOREIGN ASSISTANCE IN THIS PROJECT IS UNSUCCESSFUL. PRIME
MINISTER TAKEO FUKUDA OF JAPAN STATED THAT IN ANY ASSISTANCE JAPAN
GIVES ANY PROJECT, THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WILL CONSIDER WHETHER
THAT PROJECT WILL BE ABLE TO SURVIVE.

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